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1. Cyprus: The island has returned to a tense calm after the sporadic outburst of fighting on Thursday.

These Greek Cypriot attacks on Turkish villages prompted Ankara to issue another warning of possible intervention. The Turks know that the force of their warning is weakened with repetition and have asked us to tell the Greeks they really mean it. The Greek Cypriots, however, appear to push such incidents to the danger point, then back off before Turkey can move.

The UN force is scheduled to be activated late Saturday or Sunday. Its three-month assignment begins then.

Besides the Canadians, the Irish, Swedish, and Finnish contingents are scheduled to arrive next month. Austria has offered a small medical detachment and Brazil a marine contingent. General Gyani will return to take command next week.

The Greek Cypriots are trying to make the UN force look like an arm of the Cyprus Government. Some Greeks have appeared in light blue helmets, a la the UN.

Cypriot Foreign Minister Kyprianou is to arrive in New York today to push Makarios' bid for a stronger Cypriot role than U Thant's draft plan calls for. The Turkish Cypriots, on the other hand, want the Greek police disarmed and the UN to take over the island's administration.

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There have been some Greek Cypriot demonstrations for union with Greece.

We do not believe these could sit well with Makarios, who would fear that only his rival Grivas would benefit. Nevertheless, Kyprianou has told the US charge he is coming to believe that enosis and voluntary Turkish Cypriot emigration might be the best solution.

Both Greek and Turkish military activity remain at a relatively low level.

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2. Brazil: One of the touchiest situations we have yet seen in Brazil appears to be shaping up.

Goulart shows no sign of letting up on his drive to force radical reforms through congress.

He seems confident he has both popular and military support to bludgeon congress into doing his bidding or else. Leftist support is now coalescing behind him.

The opposition is still divided, but the consensus in congress is to resist him.

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Large antigovernment demonstrations were held in Sao Paulo and Rio on 19 March, the latter attended by a half million Brazilians.

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3. Cambodia - South Vietnam: The glimmer of hope for a Cambodian - South Vietnamese reconciliation was doused by Thursday's border incident.

The Vietnamese hit across the ill-defined border while chasing a Viet Cong band. A Vietnamese plane was shot down by a Cambodian aircraft and crashed in home territory.

Sihanouk is not waiting for the results of the ICC investigation now under way. He has told a provincial audience there is no hope for talks with South Vietnam because, as he put it, the US could depose Khanh at any time. He is also stressing reports that US military men were involved in the border affair.

Sihanouk now will probably step up his demand for a "Geneva" conference

4. South Vietnam: The Communists continue to make small-scale attacks and harass government outposts and hamlets.

Government operations last week in the western delta region used combined air, land, and river forces to produce generally favorable results.

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Khanh has obtained general approval from the US for the idea of a trip to Paris by Foreign Minister Quat, who would try to set relations between the two countries back on the track.

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If Paris is responsive to feelers being put out, Quat's trip will be part of a fairly extensive tour which would include Geneva, London, and Washington.

- 50X1 5. Thailand: Prime Minister Thanom is planning a coup de force to effect a sweeping change of personnel held over from former Prime Minister Sarit's government.

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Top government officials and military officers have been maneuvering behind the scenes since Sarit's death on 8 December, and there have been numerous coup and countercoup rumors.

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6. North Vietnam: Hanoi now appears worried over strikes into North Vietnam. military vigilance in the Laotian border area. North Vietnamese regulars are being sent to protect transport routes there.

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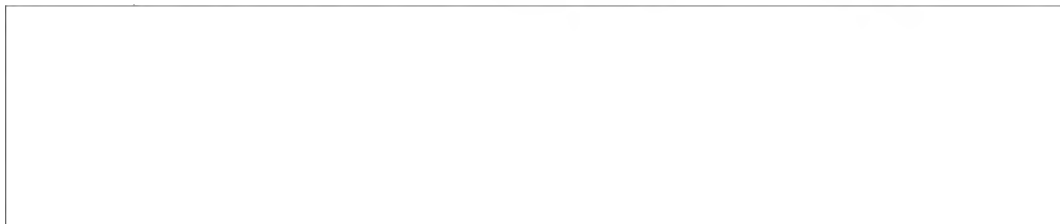
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7. Libya: A new Libyan note makes it specific that negotiations should be aimed at terminating the base agreement and fixing a date for US evacuation.

Prime Minister Muntassir claims the British have agreed to start negotiating around 20 April, and he wants the US to begin the following week.

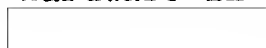


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8. Soviet Gold: This week the USSR offered another \$125 million worth of gold on the London market.

Moscow has already delivered \$75 million this year under an agreement made last December. Last year's total sales were \$520 million, which will probably be equalled in 1964. The grain purchases which caused these sales now total \$800 million.

9. Cuba-Bloc: We estimate there are now about 1,500 Cubans receiving military training in the bloc. The training probably involves technical courses in the operation and maintenance of late-model military equipment. It would follow that Cuba may be in line for new shipments of Soviet hardware in the near future.



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10. Cuban Sugar: Havana is trying to prop up world sugar prices by leaking misleading information on Cuban crop prospects.



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We think this year's crop will end up about the same as in 1963. Labor and transportation problems will probably prevent the increase the Cubans had hoped for.



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11. South Africa: Government-controlled news media are playing up the idea of South African withdrawal from the UN.

Such a move would be good domestic politics and also eliminate one area in which the government's foreign critics can put pressure on it. Verwoerd has already taken his country out of the UN's Food and Agricultural Organization and the International Labor Organization. Yesterday the South African delegation walked out of the World Health Organization's annual assembly.

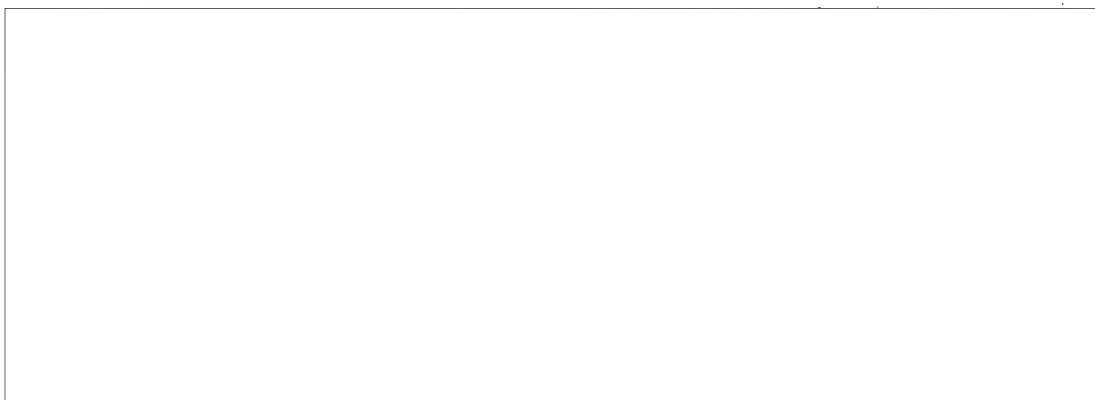
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13. Bolivia-Cuba: Cuba has agreed to furnish Vice President Juan Lechin money and arms to help his campaign for the presidency.



14. Panama: The Panamanians are testing sentiment in the OAS for a foreign ministers' meeting. Meanwhile, anti-Americanism will probably be the key-note of the Communist-led student congress opening in Panama on 20 March.

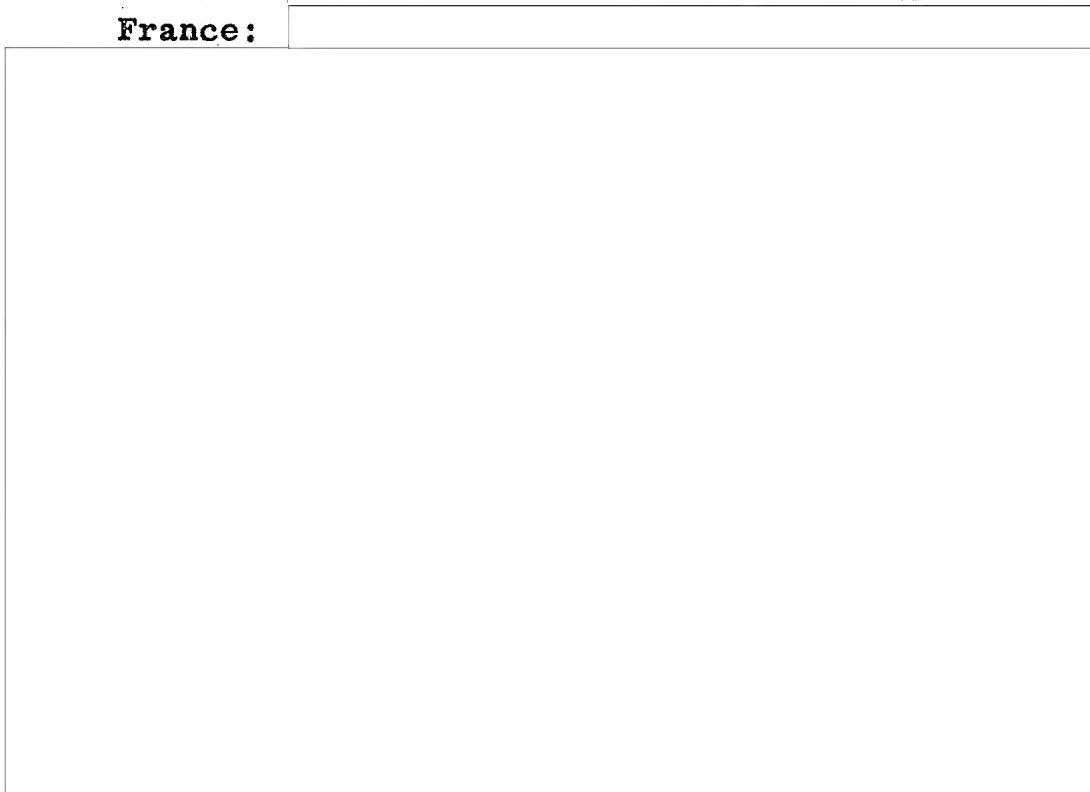
15. British Guiana: Another general strike may be in the offing.

Jagan is having some success in luring the sugar workers away from the anti-Jagan Trade Union Congress. The congress has reacted by threatening a strike.

Last year, Jagan brought on a damaging and violent two-and-a-half-month strike by trying to destroy the congress through legislation.

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USSR: The Keyhole mission of 12-14 March, the sixth mission employing the KH-7 camera system, has provided the highest quality photography yet obtained. Excellent photography was obtained on portions of nine out of the eighteen ICBM complexes.

The mission contributed a wealth of additional useful detail on previously photographed activities and facilities. For example, we can now say with confidence that at most ICBM sites the missiles are kept in nearby ready buildings. It would, therefore, take three-four hours to ready these missiles for launching.

We can also see that there are four launch silos at MRBM hard sites rather than the two or three we had estimated earlier.

We may conceivably be able to distinguish types or classes of vehicles in military parks.

The mission confirmed our suspicions that construction work at the anti-missile missile sites around Leningrad was stopped last year before completion.

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